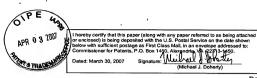
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## AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 5, 2007, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.